

House Study Bill 108 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SWEENEY)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act placing the agricultural development authority within
2 the department of agriculture and land stewardship.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 175.3, subsection 1, paragraphs a and c,
2 Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:

3 a. The agricultural development authority is established
4 within the department of agriculture and land stewardship. The
5 agency is constituted as a public instrumentality and agency
6 of the state exercising public and essential governmental
7 functions.

8 c. The powers of the authority are vested in and exercised
9 by a board of ten members with nine members appointed by
10 the governor subject to confirmation by the senate. The
11 ~~treasurer of state~~ secretary of agriculture or the ~~treasurer's~~
12 secretary's designee shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting
13 member. No more than five appointed members shall belong to
14 the same political party. As far as possible the governor
15 shall include within the membership persons who represent
16 financial institutions experienced in agricultural lending, the
17 real estate sales industry, farmers, beginning farmers, average
18 taxpayers, local government, soil and water conservation
19 district officials, agricultural educators, and other persons
20 specially interested in family farm development.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill amends provisions affecting the agricultural
23 development authority (Code chapter 175), which is organized as
24 an independent self-funding agency charged to provide economic
25 assistance to farmers. The authority is controlled by a
26 board of 10 members, including nine members appointed by the
27 governor and the treasurer of state who serves as an ex officio
28 nonvoting member.

29 The bill provides that the authority is to be housed within
30 the department of agriculture and land stewardship, and the
31 secretary replaces the treasurer of state as the ex officio
32 nonvoting member.